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In re Application of :
Yves NAOUMENKO et al. :
Application No. 09/498,363 : **DECISION ON PETITION**
Filed: February 04, 2000 :
Attorney Docket No. **146493US6** :

This is a decision on the petition under the unintentional provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed March 11, 2008, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner to the non-final Office action mailed, June 06, 2007, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three (3) months. No extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) were obtained. Accordingly, the application became abandoned on September 07, 2007.

The petition satisfies the conditions for revival pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that (1) the reply in the form of Notice of Appeal and Appeal Brief; (2) the petition fee of \$1,540.00; and (3) the required statement of unintentional delay have been received. Accordingly, the reply to the non-final Office action of June 06, 2007 is accepted as having been unintentionally delayed.

An extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136 must be filed prior to the expiration of the maximum extendable period for reply. *See In re Application of S.*, 8 USPQ2d 1630, 1631 (Comm'r Pats. 1988). Since the \$1,050.00 extension of time fee submitted with the petition on March 11, 2008 was subsequent to the maximum extendable period for reply, this fee is unnecessary and will be credited to petitioner's deposit account.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-4231.

The application file is being referred to Technology Center AU 1794 for appropriate action on the concurrently filed amendment.

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